



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: February 5, 2015

To: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, and Council Members serving on the Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Referral to: Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Subject: Formal membership of Homes for All Coalition

Recommendation: Authorize the City to be a formal member of the Minnesota Homes for All Coalition

Previous Directives: The City's adopted 2015 Policy Positions recognizes that providing all residents with safe, quality and affordable housing is a priority in Minneapolis, and that the City cooperates with public and private partners to help provide affordable rental and owner-occupied housing. The City also supports a number of policies to address affordable housing issues and issues of homelessness.

Department Information

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Supporting Information:

Homes for All is a coalition of more than 100 organizations that come together to support shared policy initiatives to increase housing stability across the state. Their membership includes governmental entities, non-profits, labor organizations, housing developers, community advocates, legal advocacy organizations, religious groups, foundations and others. A full list of the most recent coalition membership is attached. Last year, the coalition worked together to successfully secure \$100 million in capital investment dollars for affordable housing, \$20 million of which was allocated specifically to public housing. For the 2015 Legislative Session, the coalition will be working to seek \$39 million for housing and services, including new funding for the Homeless Youth Act, and the Emergency Services Program that provides emergency shelter for homeless Minnesotans. Minneapolis IGR Staff have participated in the coalition's policy development processes for the past two legislative sessions.